

12, report that their friends are victims of verbal abuse in dating relationships;

Whereas nearly 3 in 4 teens say that dating relationships usually begin at age 14 or younger;

Whereas 29 percent of girls who have been in a relationship said that they have been pressured to have sex or to engage in sexual activities that they did not want;

Whereas 69 percent of all teenagers who had sex by age 14 said they have experienced 1 or more types of abuse in a dating relationship;

Whereas 1 in 5 teenagers (20 percent) between the ages of 13 and 14 say their friends are victims of dating violence;

Whereas in 2003, in a national survey of over 14,000 high school students conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, just over 8 percent of boys and girls reported physical dating violence victimization and were more likely to engage in risky behaviors including sexual intercourse, attempted suicide, episodic heavy drinking, and physical fighting;

Whereas Native American women experience higher rates of interpersonal violence than any other population group;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, putting them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult revictimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to be greater in cases where the pattern of violence has been established in adolescence;

Whereas more than 3 times as many teens (20 percent) as parents of teens (6 percent) admit that parents know little or nothing about the teens' dating relationships;

Whereas a majority of parents surveyed either believe dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is an issue; and

Whereas the establishment of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socio-economic status, race, or sex: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States, high schools, law enforcement, State and local officials, and interested groups to observe National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week with appropriate programs and activities that promote awareness and prevention of the crime of teen dating violence in their communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 711—CON- DEMNING THE TRAGIC AND SENSELESS DEATH BY STONING OF A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM SOMALIA

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 711

Whereas a child from Somalia, identified as Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow, was raped by 3 men, and when her family reported the rape to authorities of the al-Shabaab militia that control the city of Kismayu, Somalia, she was accused of adultery and ordered to be stoned;

Whereas, in October 2008, Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow was stoned to death by 50 militant

men before 1,000 witnesses in a public stadium;

Whereas al-Shabaab, some of whose members are affiliated with al Qaeda, is a violent and brutal extremist group that has used intimidation and committed human rights violations to undermine the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and threaten activists in civil society working to bring about peace through political dialogue and reconciliation;

Whereas, on February 29, 2008, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice designated al-Shabaab as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189) and placed the organization on the list of specially designated global terrorists established under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and initiated under Executive Order 13224;

Whereas the 2007 Country Report on Human Rights Practices in Somalia, released on March 11, 2007, by the Department of State, cited the "poor human rights situation" in Somalia, including "unlawful and politically motivated killings, official impunity, and discrimination and violence against women";

Whereas stoning is a grave and serious violation of human rights law, in which the victim is killed in an especially brutal way;

Whereas stoning is practiced particularly on girls and women accused of adultery;

Whereas the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has condemned the death of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow and called on the United States Government to join other states in speaking out decisively in international fora against such grave human rights abuses; and

Whereas the United States Government continues to support the efforts of those working to transform the troubled region of Somalia through commitment to sound human rights practices, democratic and representative government, economic recovery, and lasting peace and reconciliation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the tragic and senseless death by stoning of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow;

(2) urges the international community to join the Senate in speaking out against this brutal act; and

(3) urges the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia—

(A) to undertake robust efforts to protect women and children and to prevent acts of institutionalized violence against women in Somalia;

(B) to work to strengthen the rule of law as part of the effort by the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia to establish its authority;

(C) to promote equal and fair treatment of women; and

(D) to end the culture of impunity in Somalia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 712—CON- GRATULATING THE PHILADEL- PHIA PHILLIES ON WINNING THE 2008 WORLD SERIES

MR. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BUNNING) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 712

Whereas, on October 29, 2008, the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays to win the 2008 World Series;

Whereas the 4 to 3 Phillies victory in Game 5 of the Fall Classic secured for Philadelphia

a World Series title for the first time since 1980, and for the second time in team history;

Whereas the Tampa Bay Rays deserve congratulations for a stellar 2008 season, in which, after 10 consecutive losing seasons, they posted a regular season record of 97–65 and won the American League Championship Series;

Whereas Tampa Bay Rays Manager and Hazelton, Pennsylvania-native Joe Maddon established himself as among the premier managers in Major League Baseball during the 2008 season, and aptly was named American League Manager of the Year;

Whereas Philadelphia sports fans have consistently demonstrated their love for, and devotion to, Philadelphia teams, even after 25 years without winning a major sports championship;

Whereas, since taking the helm as manager in 2005, Phillies Manager Charlie Manuel has guided the young Phillies team to become the best in Major League Baseball;

Whereas recently-retired General Manager Pat Gillick, who joined the Phillies in 2006, played an integral role in assembling the World Series-winning team;

Whereas 24-year old pitcher Cole Hamels was named the Most Valuable Player for both the National League Championship Series and the World Series, with a 4–0 record and 1.80 Earned Run Average in the post-season;

Whereas starting pitchers Cole Hamels, Brett Myers, Joe Blanton, and Souderton, Pennsylvania-native Jamie Moyer delivered outstanding performances throughout the post-season;

Whereas the Phillies' bullpen distinguished itself as among the greatest in Major League Baseball, particularly closer Brad Lidge, who finished the 2008 season with 48 out of 48 save opportunities, including the final game of the World Series;

Whereas the Phillies were led by a talented and tough group of players including: 2006 MVP Ryan Howard; All-Star Chase Utley; 2007 MVP and 2007 and 2008 Gold Glove winner Jimmy Rollins; third baseman Pedro Feliz; veteran outfielder Pat Burrell; 2008 Gold Glove winner, the "Flyin' Hawaiian", Shane Victorino; outfielder Jayson Werth; and catcher Carlos Ruiz;

Whereas numerous reserve players made significant contributions to the Phillies' World Series title run, including Geoff Jenkins, Chris Coste, Eric Bruntlett, Greg Dobbs, and Matt Stairs; and

Whereas more than 1,000,000 fans packed the streets of Philadelphia on October 31, 2008 for a parade along Market and Broad Streets ending at Citizens Bank Park;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the Philadelphia Phillies for winning the 2008 World Series;

(B) the Phillies manager, coaches, and support staff, whose commitment to the Phillies franchise has sustained this proud organization and allowed the team to reach the pinnacle of success in 2008;

(C) all Phillies fans, whose tenacity, perseverance, and enthusiasm are matched only by that of the team to which the fans are dedicated; and

(D) the Tampa Bay Rays on an outstanding 2008 season; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Phillies manager Charlie Manuel;

(B) Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro, Jr.;

(E) Phillies advisor Pat Gillick.